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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I believe it is a private company that is supplying electricity in South Arcot district."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Electricity is supplied to the licensee by the Government."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Even so, extension schemes must be taken up by the company."

Petition regarding grant of lands to Chetty families in Wynaad.

* 916 *Q.*—SRI KUNHIRAMA KIDAV (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a petition, dated 16th October 1952, was received by him from Athimuttathu Govindan Chetty and Appu Chetty of Moopainad amsam, Wynaad taluk, requesting the Government to give lands to the Chetty families from whom lands were taken for the Wynaad Colonization Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No action was taken by the Government as it was only a copy of the petition addressed to the Collector of Malabar."

Grant to Pudusseri Aided Elementary School, Palghat taluk.

* 917 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Education Grant to be paid to Pudusseri Aided Elementary School in Palghat taluk, Malabar, was withheld for more than nine months in 1952–53; and if so, for what reasons;

(*b*) whether the Government received any representation from the Taluk Teachers' Union and the concerned teachers regarding the same; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take or have already taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No. The grant was withheld for about six months only. Grant for May to October 1952 was released on 16th January 1953. It is reported that in June 1952 the registered manager of the school wanted to effect change of management. However, as there was some protest from the public and as the District Munsif of Palghat issued an injunction order restraining payment, the grant could not be paid till matters were settled and the injunction order was withdrawn by the District Munsif only in December 1952.

" (*b*) No. It is reported that the Director of Public Instruction has received a representation only from the teachers of the school in the matter.

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"(c) As the grant has been paid to the school up to February 1953, no further action is considered necessary in the matter."

Perambalur Panchayat Board.

* 918 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Palanimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the public of Perambalur, Tiruchirappalli district regarding the division of wards in the Perambalur Panchayat Board;

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken so far on it; and

(*c*) how many seats have been reserved for Harijans?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI:—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) Does not arise.

"(*c*) No seat has been reserved for the members of the Scheduled Castes as in two wards they are the sole voters and in another ward they are in absolute majority."

Lease of fishing rights to Fishermen Co-operative Society, Gudivada.

* 919 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Fishermen Co-operative Society at Gudivada, Krishna district, represented to the Government this year to lease out the fishing rights in the tanks of Gudivada taluk for fasli 1362 and if so what action the Government took on the representations?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"No."

Sri G. RAMA RAO:—"I myself wrote on behalf of the co-operative society to the Government in this respect and I do not know why the Hon. Minister is denying this."

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"No, Sir. At the time the question was asked, there was no representation made to the Government. On the other hand, the Assistant Director of Fisheries recommended the lease to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies and a number of tanks, waterways and branch channels have been given to the society and their lease amount comes to Rs. 2,730 now."

Sri K. RAJAGOPALA RAO:—"May I know whether the Government are giving priority to Fishermen Co-operative Societies in leasing these tanks?"

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Yes, Sir."

Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"May I know, Sir, under what conditions tanks are leased to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies?"